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President Shelly Releases Statement of Gratitude for Giffords' Service

Window Rock, Ariz. - Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly released the following statement today after Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords announced her resignation on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012.

"The Navajo People wish to express their appreciation to Congresswoman Giffords for her work on our behalf. In her representation of the 8th Congressional District of Arizona she advocated tirelessly for Native American Veterans and for the advancement of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, touching the lives of many of our Navajo people."

"While I served as Vice President of the Navajo Nation I was fortunate to get to meet with Gabby and work collaboratively with her on health care issues. I always have admired her work ethic, her dedication to her constituents, and her tenacity. It is this very tenacity that has been exhibited in her miraculous recovery."

"I join the people of this great Nation in saying thank you and ahe'hee for your work and I know that this will not be the end to your public service. I wish the family of Congresswoman Giffords strength during this continued time of recovery and extend prayers and well wishes on behalf of the Navajo people."

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